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- ☐ within three months of the application filing date;
- ☒ more than three months from the application filing date but before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

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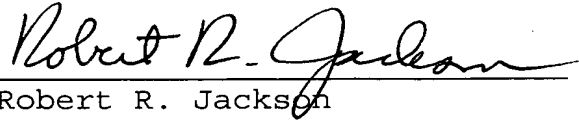
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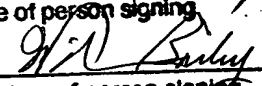
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following documents:

U.S. Patent Documents

Shiber	5,041,082	(08/20/91)
Popov et al.	5,702,412	(12/30/97)

These documents are listed on the accompanying Form
PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate) and copies are enclosed
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The documents listed in this Statement were cited by
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Published Patent Applications From Which Claims Have Been Copied" filed concurrently with this application). These documents were cited as being relevant to claims that applicants did not copy into this application (i.e., claims 166-175 of PCT publication WO 99/62415). However, copies are being supplied for the Examiner's consideration.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

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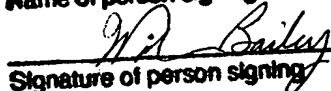
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